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TECHNICAL SUPPORT SECTION

April 18, 1991



Mr. Paul Rogers, TUB-7 Superfund Program Managment Technical Support Section Responsible Party Unit US EPA, Region V 111 W. Jackson Boulevard Chicago, IL. 60604

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Attached, please find the documents related to the Albion-Sheridan landfill that I found during my recent file search at the Jackson District Office.

I hope that these documents will assist you in your PRP search. If you need any additional assistance, please call me.

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Gene L. Hall

Environmental Quality Analyst

Superfund Section

Environmental Response Division

517-373-6808

cc: Ms. Claudia Kerbawy, MDNR, Ms. Kate Parling, MDNR,

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December 2, 1969

Mr. Chester Harvey District Engineer Water Resources Commission State of Michigan 4056 Plainfield, N. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

Dear Mr. Harvey:

In reply to your letter of November 4, 1969, to our Mr. M. F. Beisber; and Mr. James L. Pope's report of October 30, 1969, I would like to state that we have investigated the report that our plant may be discharging chromates and phosphates by means of our waste flow into the local storm sewers.

As a result of your report, our investigation has shown that we can avoid such discharge and, effective November 22, 1969, we have discontinued the discharge of chromates and phosphates into our waste flow.

This should, therefore, correct the situation which you called to our attention.

Very truly yours,

ALBION DIVISION

John Henning Vice-President

JH/t

cc Mr. Pope

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July 27, 1977

DISTRICT 3 WATER QUALITY DIV.

Robert J. Courchaine, Chief, Water Quality Division

FROM:

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William G. Turney, Chief, Bureau of Environmental Protection

SUBJECT: Plugging of Oil and Gas Wells With Sludges Union Steel Products - albert

After getting your note with the attached memo from Karl Zollner dealing with Union Steel Products Company's practice of allowing cyanide and chromium sludges to be used for plugging dry gas and oil wells in the Albion area, I contacted Art Slaughter who indicated no knowledge of this practice. After he checked with Sam Alguire he called me back to confirm that the practice apparently has taken place over a period of ten years or so and that he would issue instructions to the field supervisors to immediately terminate approval of the use of industrial sludges in any part of the plugging operation.

I then suggested to Art that they begin a survey of the records to determine how many wells might have been plugged using these materials and that based upon the file information we could cooperatively begin a systematic investigation to find out if the sludges were used as fillers in any fresh water zones.

The problem may not be as frightening as one would first think because Art reminded me that if the sludges had been used to fill in the fresh water zone there would be protection of the groundwater by been the outer casing which is cemented in place throughout the fresh water zone. Still, it may be necessary to remove sludges if they are found in the fresh water zone.

If we have not already done so, we should notify Union Steel Products Company and other companies producing metallic sludges that under no circumstances should they allow those materials to be used for the filling of abandoned oil or gas wells.

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Dr. Tody cc:

Mr. Slaughter

Mr. Bails

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JUN 24 1977

DISTRICT 3 WATER QUALITY DIV.

June 21, 1977

TO:

Wayne Denniston

FROM:

Karl Zollner, Jr.

SUBJECT: Union Steel Products Company, Division of Eagle Pitcher Industries

The Point Source Studies Unit during a recent industrial wastewater survey discovered that cyanide and chromium sludges from this company have been used to plug dry oil or gas wells in the Albion area. Sam Alquire of Geology Division in a May 19, 1977 response to questions raised by our Division states that this practice has gone on for a number of years and many wells have been filled in this manner. He also indicates that it is possible that these materials may have been used to fill to the surface.

Our District staff feels, and we strongly agree, that this practice must be immediately stopped to protect against possible groundwater contamination.

We would ask you to communicate this matter to Mr. Courchaine and have him write to Mr. Slaughter, Chief of the Geology Division. We feel a memorandum from Mr. Courchaine to Mr. Slaughter would have more chance of getting this unsatisfactory practice stopped and my writing to Mr. Alquire.

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Chester Harvey cc: Rich Christensen Roger

May 11, 1977

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. George Matthews Union Steel Products Co. Division Eagle Picher Industries 500 N. Berrien St. Albion, MI 49224

Gentlemen:

Staff investigations have shown that a licensed liquid industrial waste hauler doing business as Seilar Tank Truck Service, Inc. removed treated chrome and cyanide sludge from your facility.

Section 3a of Act 136, Public Acts of 1969, requires that every person who engages or contracts with any other person to remove liquid wastes from his premises, shall maintain detailed records of all such waste removals effectuated on forms provided by the Commission, and shall submit such information in such detail and with such frequency as the Commission may require.

Enclosed is a copy of Act 136 and the required waste removal record forms. The forms are to be submitted by the 10th of each month for the previous months waste removals. The address is Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Oil & Hazardous Materials Control Section, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan 48909.

Failure to comply will initiate enforcement action by this office.

If you have any questions relative to this matter feel free to contact Tomas Leep at (517) 373-1947.

Very truly yours,

WATER QUALITY DIVISION

David M. Dennis, Chief
Oil & Hazardous Materials Control
Section

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Point Source Studies
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WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION 4056 Plainfield Avenue, N. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

December 11, 1973

Mr. George Matthews Vice President of Manufacturing Union Steel Products Albion, Michigan 49224

Dear Mr. Matthews:

In light of recent events, I would like to set forth the action I believe you should take to improve the disposal methods for the precipitated metallic sludges from your waste treatment operation. This improved operation would apply to the landfill area operated by Mr. Stevick, as well as any other approved site. The Stevick site, itself, was approved for your company's sludge disposal many years ago, prior to the adoption of Act 136, "the industrial waste hauling act." However, concern has been raised regarding improper management of this site.

As a result of Act 136, definite requirements and methods of operation have been established which apply to all sites used for the disposal of liquid industrial sludges. For instance, no wet sludges of any nature should be placed directly on the landfill in conjunction with normal solid waste. To our knowledge, you have adhered to this procedure.

In regard to disposal sites, the best demonstrated operating procedure calls for cells or defined earthen basins set aside to receive the treated sludges. The depth of sludge should seldom be allowed to exceed two feet. Under these conditions, the sludge can dewater and dry in a reasonable length of time. The dried sludge can then be removed and placed in a selected location in the landfill for burial. This procedure provides for a rotating sequence of cell use.

In addition to proper operating procedures, specific monitoring requirements of the ground water and of the material placed in the drying basins is required. It is necessary to assure that the pH of the liquid sludge is not less than 8.5, and that no type of liquid acidic wastes are allowed in the drying basins. This is to assure that redissolving of the heavy metals will not occur. Analyses of the sludges for specific heavy metals and cyanide will also be required. A series of monitoring wells should also be placed near the drying basins particularly in the direction of ground water movement, and a program of sampling and analyses established to pick up any changes in ground water quality.

Our field examination of the Stevick site you have been using for the past several years indicates it meets many of our requirements. The site is fairly well isolated, and is not likely to create ground water problems. However, closer control must be exercised if your company plans to continue to utilize this site. This could be done through a lease arrangement or other understanding with Mr. Stevick. You may want to haul your own wastes, or engage a licensed hauler to utilize your own specific area. I believe this could be accomplished very readily for your immediate needs in using the Stevick site. The above guidelines could be used later to help you select your own site for possible approval if this appears desirable. Future plans should also include the evaluation of additional sludge treatment at the plant site to produce a relatively dry compact sludge suitable for direct disposal at an approved landfill operation.

If it is decided to utilize the Stevick site for your current needs, you must submit a site plan and method of operation.

Very truly yours,

WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION

Chester Harvey, Basin Engineer

RP/mc

cc: K. Zollner

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT

Albert E. Houstis, M.O. Director

OF PUBLIC

HEALTH

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TO: Ralph Purdy - Water Resources Commission

Tile Union Stell Products.

FROM: Fred B. Kellow, Engineering Division

SUBJECT:

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WATER RESOURCES
COMMISSION

We have been informed by the Calhoun County Health Department that the <u>Union Steel Products Company</u> is desirous of disposing of what they reportedly call a nontoxic waste amounting to between 500 and 1,000 gallons per day which is a result of, apparently, a painting operation. I have been informed that the Water Resources Commission has requested a treatment facility for discharge from the plant and wondered whether or not you had any information concerning the resultant by-product which they wish to dispose of in one of our sanitary landfills. The Union Steel Products Company in Albion will be utilizing a private contractor's landfill and before final approval is granted to the operator we would appreciate some additional information concerning this waste.

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Union Steel Products Co. 500 N. Berrien Street Albion, Michigan 49224

December 14, 1970

Mr. Chet Harvey, Distr. Engr. WRC - Dept. of Conservation 4056 Plainfield, N. E. Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505

Dear Mr. Harvey:

Enclosed is a letter to Mr. Robert Seiler requesting him to ask for an extension of his Liquid Industrial Waste Water License. I am hoping that this will meet the approval of your office.

Sincerely,

Her**h** Kreger

Manufacturing Superintendent

HCK: bb

Enclosure



UNION STEEL PRODUCTS COMPANY

ALBION, MICHIGAN 49224

December 14, 1970

Mr. Robert Seiler Seiler Tank Truck Service 105 North Clark Street Albion, Michigan 49224

Mr. Seiler:

Andrew Commence

This is in regard to the letter from Mr. Chester Harvey, Basin Engineer for the Water Resource Commission, informing you that it would not be permitted to dispose of our liquid waste in the Municipal dump and land fill site after 1970.

Upon receipt of your letter we immediately started to investigate some methods which would make our liquid waste acceptable to the Water Resource Commission for dumping in a land fill operation. Through the efforts of our Mr. Marshall and with the help of suggestions from Mr. Chester Harvey we feel that running our liquid waste through a Barrett centrifuge sold through Haviland of Grand Rapids, Michigan, we can have our liquid waste dry enough to be accepted for a land fill operation. The delivery of this equipment to our plant is normally from four to six weeks and I am sure it will take us two or three weeks to find the most efficient way to operate the equipment. We intend to work closely with Mr. Harvey' office until we meet the States requirements.

There is so little time left in 1970 we cannot meet the expiration date of your Liquid Industrial Waste Water License. We would like to suggest you ask Mr. Harvey for an extension of your license until April 1, 1971. I am enclosing an extra copy of this letter to you thinking you might wish to send one copy to Mr. Harvey. This will explain the reason for asking for an extension and also inform Mr. Harvey that we are working to improve on the April 1, 1971 date. I am hoping that this will enable you to receive an extension on your license and give us time to properly work out our problems to make our waste water acceptable to be used in a land fill operation.

Yours truly

Herh Kreger Manufacturing Superintendent

